

**Senate Bill 390 – Letter of Support 2-8-07**  
**Dr. Russell V. Boham, Executive Director**  
**Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana**

Dear Senator Kitzenberg,

I am writing in support of SB 390 which increases the funding for Indian Education for All. It is imperative that all Montanans become familiar with the unique cultures and histories of Montana's Native Nations. The tribes in Montana are distinct political entities that exist in their current forms as a result of their historic relations with the dominant society.

There is much misunderstanding and mistrust that is born out of simple ignorance. I believe that there is a promise in Indian Education for All that much can be done to create an understanding and that will result in Montanans having a mutual respect that today seems so elusive.

I hope you can support SB 390 because it is the allows Indian Education for All to fulfill its promise.

Respectfully,

Dr. Russell V. Boham, Executive Director  
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